

GLOBAL EDUCATION IN OXFORD, UK

Notre Dame High School, Fairfield

2019-2020
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount=\$7,500
Project Cost=\$35,182



7 Students Impacted
Grades 11 - 12

PURPOSE: To offer the Scholars in the school's Distinguished Scholars Program an exemplary academic experience, within an international context, in order to expand their scholarship, academic potential, and also the awareness of their global citizenship.

IMPACT: Notre Dame High School was invited to partner with Oxford International College, UK, and participated in a rare 2-week opportunity for gifted international secondary students. The students in Notre Dame's Distinguished Scholars Program pursued varied academic and pre-professional tracks each morning and one-half of each afternoon; the evenings and weekends were given to cultural, historical, and social experiences, longer day-trips, community-building and research for their classes and public presentations. A strong emphasis on independence and daily accountability of an Oxford tutorial contributed to the students' increasing mature approach to studies. Upon return, the Oxford students' enthusiasm was contagious, with a greatly enlarged interest of studying abroad in college and how to plan, negotiate majors/minors and finance such an experience. All of the students who participated in the trip have excelled in all High Honors and Advanced Placement courses and have exceeded the good grades of their previous years.

FUTURE PLANS: Funds will be needed to provide this experience again for Scholars in coming years, and the desire is great for this program to continue.

